



# **GREENSBORO URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

## **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**August 25, 2004**

**2:30 p.m. Greensboro, NC**

**Main Concourse**

**J. Douglas Galyon Depot**

**300 East Washington Street**

### **TAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sandy Carmany	TAC Chair
Jim Westmoreland	TCC Chair
Bob Landreth	Guilford County Board of Commissioners
Don Vaughan	Greensboro City Council
Robbie Perkins	Greensboro City Council
Doug Galyon	NC Board of Transportation

### **ATTENDANCE**

Tyler Meyer	GDOT/MPO	Mike Mills	NCDOT, Division 7
Jeff Sovich	GDOT/MPO	Edgar Phillips	Town of Pleasant Garden
Peggy Holland	GDOT/MPO	Ray Combs	Town of Oak Ridge
Kimberly Hinton	NCDOT, TPB		

Sandy Carmany called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

### **Action Items**

#### **1. Approve Minutes of July 22, 2004**

Bob Landreth moved for approval of the minutes. Don Vaughan seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes as prepared.

## **2. GTA 04-10 MTIP Transit Amendment**

Jeff Sovich advised that GTA has recently developed and published its program of projects for fiscal year 2005. This list will be the subject of a public hearing on September 7. The program details the projects that GTA will be undertaking during FY 2005. There are two projects that result in the need for amending the 2004 – 2010 MTIP. Specifically, project TO-4783, Operating Assistance is amended to include \$1,588,251 in Section 5307 federal operating assistance funds. Initial guidance from the NCDOT Public Transportation Division stated that as a result of its direct apportionment status, GTA would no longer be eligible for federal operating assistance. However, because the US Congress has not yet ratified a reauthorization of the surface transportation legislation, GTA will be eligible for federal operating assistance for FY 2005. This project also includes an increase in State Maintenance and Planning (SMAP) funds from \$928,876 to \$1,336,979. As a result of the increased federal and state components of this project, the local participation is reduced from \$4.8 million to \$2.9 million. The net funding total for this project increases from \$5.7 million to \$5.8 million.

Project TP-4709, Transit Planning Assistance is amended to include a new discretionary allocation of \$58,496 in Section 5303 Federal Planning Assistance funds. However, the amount of federal Section 5307 funds allocated to this project has been decreased from \$200,000 to \$100,000. As a result, the net funding total for this project decreases from \$250,000 to \$198,120. The requested action is to approve the amendment as presented.

Don Vaughan moved to approve the amendment as presented; Bob Landreth seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the amendment as presented.

## **3. Thoroughfare Plan Adoption**

Jeff Sovich advised that the development of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan provided an excellent opportunity to prepare a comprehensive update to the MPO's Thoroughfare Plan. This update has been prepared with coordination with staff from key stakeholders within the MPO, as well as neighboring MPOs. The update corrects various errors that have been identified and re-designates various facilities to better match their actual function within the transportation network. There are over 140 changes recommended in this update. The requested action is to adopt the Thoroughfare Plan update as presented.

Tyler Meyer advised that this update is the first comprehensive revision of the Thoroughfare Plan since its adoption in 1989.

Don Vaughan stated a concern that the TAC had insufficient time to fully review the proposed changes, and that given the significance of the proposed action additional review time is appropriate. He moved to table the adoption of the Thoroughfare Plan update, for further consideration as an action item at the next meeting. Robbie Perkins seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to table the adoption of the Thoroughfare Plan update, for further consideration. Robbie Perkins requested that MPO staff arrange small group meetings with the TAC members to review the proposed changes prior to bringing the plan back for adoption at the next meeting.

## **4. Conformity Finding on the Long Range Transportation Plan**

Tyler Meyer advised that the Conformity Finding formally states that the Long Range Transportation Plan has been developed in a way that complies with federal air quality regulations. The Conformity

Finding also states that the results of detailed air quality analysis show that estimated future year emissions will fall below the budget for each pollutant type. A finding that the LRTP conforms to air quality standards and federal transportation requirements is needed prior to adoption of the LRTP. The requested action is to find the LRTP and the 2004-2010 MTIP, which is a subset of the LRTP, in conformity with federal air quality and transportation regulations.

Don Vaughan moved to approve the Conformity Finding as presented; Robbie Perkins seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the Conformity Finding as presented.

## **5. 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Adoption**

Tyler Meyer advised that over the course of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan process, staff have reported on findings of the public involvement activities and technical analyses. The LRTP is the result of an extensive public involvement process that consisted of 14 public meetings held throughout the MPO area, including the incorporated towns. The LRTP lists a series of future transportation investments recommended to be implemented by 2014, 2020, 2030. The process also included an environmental screening and assessment of the projects listed for each horizon year. The plan being presented today for your consideration is consistent with the City of Greensboro's Comprehensive Plan objectives for transportation, and with the Guilford County land use plans for unincorporated areas and the five incorporated towns. Upon its adoption, the LRTP will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for review. Pending FHWA and FTA approval, the LRTP will then become effective October 1. The requested action is to adopt the 2030 LRTP as presented.

Jeff Sovich advised that the full text of the 2030 LRTP, as well as the full text of the accompanying Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Public Involvement Results are available on the MPO's web site at <http://www.ci.greensboro.nc.us/lrtp/>.

Bob Landreth moved to approve the 2030 LRTP as presented; Don Vaughan seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2030 LRTP as presented.

Sandy Carmany thanked the staff for their diligent efforts in preparing the 2030 LRTP and commended them for providing such extensive opportunities for public involvement from across the MPO area. She noted that the level of public participation was quite high, a fact which in turn demonstrates the good job done in the planning process.

## **Business / Potential Action Items**

### **1. Guilford County Road Renaming Proposal**

Jeff Sovich advised the committee in the absence of Mark Kirstner of the Guilford County Community Development Department. Guilford County is proposing to rename two segments of Vickery Chapel Road. The segment from Business 85 to the present Grandover Parkway intersection would be renamed to Guilford College Road. This change would ensure that there is an interchange on Business 85 that would be signed for Guilford College Road, directing northbound traffic to that facility once the construction of the new alignment portion is complete. The segment from the present Grandover Parkway intersection to High Point Road would be renamed to Grandover Parkway. This change would help to prevent emergency service problems that would result from splitting Vickery Chapel Road into

two discontinuous segments, located on opposite sides of Business 85. This proposal is still in the conceptual stage. Mark Kirstner will present additional information at the next TAC meeting.

## **2. MPO Strategic Reports**

Tyler Meyer advised that the North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations will be holding its annual conference October 20<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. As with previous years, this conference is expected to include many excellent and informative sessions. Jim Westmoreland noted that Tyler Meyer is the Chair of that Association, and commended him for his leadership with this group and the statewide transportation planning community more generally.

MPO staff will arrange small group meetings with the TAC to discuss the proposed Thoroughfare Plan update, as requested earlier. Staff will also evaluate whether the September MPO meetings should be held as scheduled or canceled, and will notify the TAC accordingly.

## **Other Items**

### **1. Board Member Report**

None.

### **2. Reports, Concerns, and Discussion from MPO Area Towns**

None.

### **3. Citizen Comments**

None.

### **4. Regional Transportation News**

None.

### **5. Wrap-Up**

The TAC adjourned at 3:35 p.m.